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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

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Chen Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-

HOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £300,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per

annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months.....5 per cent.

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T. E. SANSON,

pro. Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1895.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF

INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED £1,485,000

PAID-UP £685,000

BANKERS : LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.

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ON FIXED DEPOSITS :—

For 12 Months.....5 per cent.

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JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000

RESERVE FUND £5,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS £10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS :

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Chief Manager:

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Manager:

Shanghai—W. M. BEVIS, Esq.

LONDON BANKER—LONDON AND COUNTY

BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.

per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS :

For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.

For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th June, 1895.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER

CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED

DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1895.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established Ourselves

at MERCHANTS AT KOBE (JAPAN)

under the Name and Style of

HEYN, BRÖCKELMANN & Co.

Mr. EDWARD KRAUSE has been Authorised to SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

HEINRICH HEYN,

F. A. BRÖCKELMANN,

E. R. FUHRMANN.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1895.

MASONIC.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 10th

instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1895.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'

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Insurances.

TYphoon Insurance.

NOTICE.

HOUSE-OWNERS, TRUSTEES, MORTGAGEES and Others Interested in HOUSE PROPERTY are informed that THE COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

are prepared to cover Risks against LOSS or DAMAGE by TYPHOONS at Moderate Rates.

For Particulars, apply to WM. MACLEAN,

LOCAL MANAGER, Hongkong Branch, Connaught House, Queen's Road Central.

Telephone, 1st July, 1895.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO £33,333-33-00

RESERVE FUND £318,000.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1895.

To-day's Advertisements.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE À HONGKONG.

A L'OCCASION de la FÊTE NATIONALE, le Consul de France recevra les Français de passage ou résidents immatriculés le Dimanche 14 Juillet de 11h à midi, au Consulat de France, Praya Central, No. 9.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

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CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 53.

TAISHI BARBER BEACONS,
BLINKING PASSAGE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the WESTERN, or UPPER-BEACON has been CARRIED AWAY. Until it can be replaced a boat will be moored to mark its position, on which, the red light will be hoisted at night.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved,
E. FARAGO,
Commissioner of Customs,
Custom House,
Canton, 10th July, 1895.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAITAN,"
Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"FORMOSA,"
Captain Hodges, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"MERIONETHSHIRE,"
Captain Davies, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM GLASGOW, MANCHESTER,
LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"OOUPACK,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 3 o'clock P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th instant, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 o'clock P.M., TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

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INCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID,
SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH,
HODEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY,
COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"VINDOBONA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From Calcutta, ex S.S. "AGLAIA," transhipped at Colombo.

From Trieste, ex S.S. "POSEIDON," transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex S.S. "ELEKTRA," transhipped at Trieste.

From Venice, ex S.S. "CARLOTTA," transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

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To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. (One DOLLAR AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1895, will be PAID to those Persons who are registered as SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, on MONDAY, the 20th July, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary

Hongkong, 11th July, 1895.

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BROWN, JONES & CO.
DEALERS IN
ITALIAN AND AMERICAN MARBLE AND
HONGKONG GRANITE CEMETERY
MEMORIALS.
LETTERS CUT AND FILLED WITH IMPERISHABLE
LEAD CEMENT.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

Lemonade.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895.

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A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF
AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY
is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest improvements in the trade.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness exercised in the manufacture throughout.

The water used is proved by repeated analyses to be absolutely pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

GINGER ALE

GINGERADE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1895.

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BIRTHS.

At Balaclaw, Singapore, on the 2nd instant, the wife of ALEXANDER CUMMING, of a son.

At Haytor, Singapore, on the 4th instant, the wife of AUGUST KESSLER, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on the 3rd instant, by the Rev. John Peckham Archdeacon and Colonial Chaplain, EDWARD FREDERIC HOLBERTON EDLI, to BERTHA HILDA WARME.

DEATHS.

At Amoy, on the 4th July, MAGGIE, infant daughter of Robert and Eliza Hunter, aged six days.

At the General Hospital, Yokohama, on the 3rd instant, FRANCOIS BAYER, aged 34 years, late a clerk in the M.M. Co.'s service.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1895.

(Special to *Hongkong Telegraph*)

TELEGRAM.

THE CRISIS IN FORMOSA.

THE SITUATION AT TAIWANFOO AND TAKAO.

BRITISH WARSHIPS KEEPING A SHARP WATCH ON THE REBELS.

CUSTOMS TIDEWAITERS JOIN THE "BLACK FLAGS."

AMOY, July 11th.

11 a.m.

The steamer *Soochow* bound from Taiwanfoo for Swatow called in at Amoy on the 7th instant and reported that all business is suspended at Taiwanfoo, where she received orders to proceed to Amoy. When she left Anping the *Rainbow* was communicating with the shore by means of flag signals.

The *Twud* and *Redstart* were at Takao on the 5th instant.

2.20 p.m.

The *Redstart* has arrived and reports that the "Black Flag" Chief has caused the Custom Houses to be re-opened at Taiwanfoo and Anping and has induced Tidewaiters Burton and McCallum to remain at Taiwanfoo and take charge of the Customs establishment there. He has appointed Mr. McCallum Commissioner, and paid him \$3000 which is to be kept by that "official" as salary for himself and his staff for the current month. The \$3000 advance paid to McCallum was lodged in a Bank at this port (Amoy).

The documents issued by the insurgent Customs officers are not recognised by the Customs officials at Amoy, where full import duty is charged on everything coming from Formosa.

Beyond the surprising "move" of the "Black Flags" above stated there is nothing fresh to report.

All was quiet at Taiwanfoo and Takao up to yesterday forenoon.

The Japanese have not yet put in an appearance either at Taiwanfoo or Takao. The *Rainbow* is cruising off Taiwanfoo.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

UNIONIST HONOURS.

LONDON, July 10th.

Lord Kouttsford and Mr. Henry Mathews have been created Viscounts, and Sir Henry James has been raised to the Peerage.

THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Sir R. E. Webster has been appointed Attorney General.

THE ITALIAN FLEET IN BRITISH WATERS.

An Italian Squadron composed of ten vessels has arrived at Portsmouth and has met with a most hearty reception.

RAILWAYS IN AFRICA.

The line of railway from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay has been opened.

(From Japanese Papers.)

CHO ERA IN KOREA.

SEOUL, June 26th.

The following telegram dispatched by the Japanese Chargé d'Affaires in Korea has been received by His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, on the 29th ultimo for the purpose of congratulating His Majesty on the return of the Imperial Court to the capital. It seems to have been originally contemplated that the whole of the Foreign Corps Diplomatic should be received together, in which case the duty of congratulating the Emperor on behalf of the various States represented would have fallen on the Doyen, Baron von Gotschmid, but His Majesty having signified a desire to receive the Legations separately, the programme was modified to meet His wishes.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1895.

the Foreign Office, and which passed its first reading upon that occasion, replaces the act of 1803, which expired in July, and will enable the Government to carry out its agreement with Russia.

It empowers the Government to carry an order in Council to prohibit seal-catching. The act remains in force until January, 1893. In addition to the Behring Sea award, in regard to the seizure, it empowers the officers of foreign states, which are parties to the agreement, to seize British ships and equipment when they violate the order. British officers have the same powers in regard to foreign ships.

An impression prevails here that Canada will vigorously oppose the passage of the new Act.

JUNE 12TH.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says the Minister of Finance of Wurtemburg declared that the Government was convinced that any attempt to meddle with the currency would cause danger of a most serious revolution in economic and financial affairs, and none of the proposals made for raising the price of silver while adhering to a gold currency can be deemed likely to attain the object aimed at, and the Government was opposed to calling an international conference.

The lower house thereon, by 49 to 29 votes, adopted a motion requesting the Government to use its influence in the Buergerrat to retain the gold currency.

It is hoped that this decision will be imitated by the other federal Governments, and as Chancellor von Hohenlohe only promised to call a conference if all the federal states agreed to such a course it is believed that Wurtemburg's refusal will prevent the conference.

In the House of Commons this evening during the discussion of a credit for building a railway and the protectorate in Uganda, Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain wanted to know the intentions of the Government regarding the French expedition on the Nile.

Sir William Harcourt severely rebuked Mr. Chamberlain's provocative language towards France, which he said was most dangerous to the world's peace. He denied that the Government intended to extend control beyond Uganda.

Mr. Chamberlain repudiated any desire to be provocative, but had simply repeated the statement of Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, that a certain act on the part of France will be regarded as unfriendly toward England, and asked to be assured that steps were not to be taken to lead to this act.

The subject precipitated a long discussion tonight, and the closure was finally applied to and debate. The credit was then adopted by a vote of 240 to 51.

PHILADELPHIA, June 12th.

The barkentine *Wandering Jew*, which sailed from this port June 1st, for Havana, with 1,240,000 gallons of crude oil in cases valued at \$25,000, returned to port to-day.

On the night of the 9th inst., when the vessel's position was seventy miles east-south-east from Cape Hatteras, the wind suddenly died out and a huge white jet drew rapidly near. It was a mammoth waterspout making directly for the vessel. All hands became panic-stricken, but before they had time to move it was upon the vessel, and none remember further until awaking from a sort of dream and finding their vessel a helpless wreck and all hands badly bruised. It was decided to run back for the Delaware capes, and they reached them on Wednesday night.

VANCOUVER (B.C.) June 13th.

All arrangements are made for the chess match by telegraph between the Vancouver and San Francisco Chess Clubs to-morrow night are completed. Two games will be played. Vancouver's committee on No. 1 board consisting of Hoffmeyer (captain), Dr. Bell-Irving, Hooper and Crickmay (vice-captain), Mr. Bell-Irving, Cooper and Crickmay (captain), Smith, Proctor and Grant.

NOW, June 13th.

To-morrow Harriet Bercher Stowe will complete her eighty-fourth year at Hartford. While there will be no formal celebration of the event it will be observed by her relatives and many of her friends throughout the world.

Congratulations have been received from Charles Dudley Warner, from Florence, Italy; Henry James, from London; Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), from Elmira, and from George W. Cable, Mary Mapes Dodge, Susan B. Anthony, Frank R. Stockton, Senator Palmer of Illinois, and William Dean Howells.

To-morrow messages will pass from all over the civilized world, as was the case last year, when she was the recipient of over 500 telegrams and letters of congratulation.

Despite her advanced years Mrs. Stowe is in excellent physical health, although it must be said fully confessed that mentally she is feeble.

To-morrow, "Flag Day," will be celebrated in all the schools of the city, and the children of the public school near her home will present her with a large bouquet of wild flowers tied with the national colours. Her chief delight is in flowers of the field rather than in blossoms of the hot-house.

LONDON, June 14th.

The family residence of the Duke and Duchess of Fife, Marr Lodge, Braemar, was destroyed by fire to-day.

BERLIN, June 14th.

A fire which broke out to-day in the Victoria warehouse destroyed the building and its contents, involving a loss of 1,000,000 marks.

WASHINGTON, June 14th.

Owing to the unusually large number of retirements in the line of the Navy and in the engineer corps during the past year, for the first time in two administrations there are now more vacancies than can be filled from the class just graduated from the Naval Academy, and consequently there may be civilians appointed. The vacancies in the line now number twenty-six, and there are twenty-one places to be filled in the engineer corps.

BERLIN, June 14th.

In view of the unexpected developments of Russian diplomacy especially in regard to the Chinese loan, it is thought here that the German Ambassador in St. Petersburg and the German Minister at Peking have been duped. It is probable that they will both be recalled.

SOUTHAMPTON, June 15th.

The *Britannia* and *Alta* started to-day in the race for large yachts under the auspices of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club. The course was forty-four miles. The *Alta* allowed the *Britannia* one minute and forty-two seconds. At the start the *Alta* led the *Britannia* for a few seconds.

While the *Britannia* was leading the *Alta*'s jib split, and she was compelled to abandon the race.

NOW, June 15th.

A cable special to the *Herald* from St. Petersburg says:—There is the best authority for denying the reported negotiations with China for the cession of a strip of Manchuria, to enable Russia to lay an extension of the Trans-Siberian Railway. Russia has recommended China to construct her own lines, which could be laid so as to join the Siberian route.

BERLIN, June 15th.

The *National Zeitung* yesterday said that replies have now been received by the Government from the majority of the Federal Governments to the Foreign Office inquiry regarding the expediency of an international conference for the settlement of the currency question. It is added that while such answers do not imply

opposition to the proposal, not one of them manifests a real desire for a conference. The *Wallace*, Americans generally indicate a conviction that such a meeting will be fruitless.

LONDON, June 15th.

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs to that paper that it is almost certain Russia will take no action to compel reforms by Turkey in Armenia.

PARIS, June 14th.

The League of Patriots continues to organize meetings to protest against the participation of France in the approaching celebrations at Kiel to commemorate the opening of the Baltic North sea canal. Placards will be posted calling upon the inhabitants to display flags draped with crepe as long as the French ships are at Kiel.

HARVARD, (Conn.) June 14th.

Mrs. Harriet Bercher Stowe celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday at her house to-day. She is in excellent physical health, and has not apparently failed during the past year. Over 500 telegrams and messages of congratulation were received at the Stowe residence.

GLASGOW, June 14th.

All arrangements were made for the Afghan Prince, Nasru'llah Kahn, to visit and inspect the thread works at Paisley and the shipbuilding yards on the Clyde today, but this morning Nasru'llah positively refused to leave his bed in his hotel when he was aroused and informed that everything was in readiness for his coming.

An elaborate luncheon had been prepared, and a large number of notable personages who had been invited, together with corporation officials, were awaiting the arrival of the Prince when they were notified that he was still in bed. A deputation of guests and officers proceeded to the hotel and finally induced his engagement to get up and keep his engagement to inspect the shipbuilding yards, which he did. The hour being so late, the visit to the thread works was not made.

Nasru'llah acted in a similar manner in Liverpool, where he kept the guests waiting two hours on the occasion of his inspection of the electric railway in that city. The visit of the Afghan Prince has cost the English and Indian taxpayers \$250,000, but Nasru'llah's only donation since his arrival in Great Britain has been a gift of \$20,000 to the Moslem mosque in Liverpool.

LONDON, June 14th.

A debate took place in the House of Commons this evening on the second reading of the new bill for the regulating of sealing in the Beiring sea. Thomas Gibson Bowles, Conservative member from Lynne-Regis, asked whether Canada had consented to the arrangements embodied in the bill.

He moved an amendment against withdrawing British protection from British subjects and subjecting them to times of peace to search and seizure by the American naval officers.

Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, replied that the Russian dispute was still under negotiations. Continuing, he said that the Government had done everything to meet Canadian objections consistent with executing the agreement with Russia. He believed that the restrictions imposed by them were only fair and reasonable.

Mr. Bowles' amendment was rejected. The second reading of the bill was postponed.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

The following is the thirteenth annual report of the Board of Directors presented to the shareholders at the fourteenth ordinary general meeting, which was to be held at the offices of the Company, London, the 13th ultimo:

The Board of Directors submit herewith to the shareholders their report and statement of accounts for the year 1894.

Notwithstanding the destructive war in which China has been engaged for the last five months of the year, it is very gratifying to be able to report that 1894 has been a prosperous year for the Company. This is mainly due to the fact that hostilities were localized in the Northern districts, Manchuria and the Yellow Sea, and that the Japanese abstained from interference with the trade of the Treaty ports, or with that of the river Yangtze.

The net earnings of the steamers amount to £1,072,541.1d., and this has enabled the Board to make increased provision for their reduction in value, by crediting £15,831 to depreciation account. The assets have been written down to 2/ per dollar, which it is hoped will prove sufficiently low, the exchange being now higher.

This, however, has cost £7,885.10s.7d., while the exchange reserve of £13,501.10s.9d., referred to in last year's report, has also been written off. The auditors have required £1,000 to be placed to a suspense account in connection with some liabilities of the steamer *Kow Shing*, full details of which have not yet been received from China.

The balance at credit of revenue account is £1,277,65.4d., and it has been decided to propose a dividend of 8 per cent. for the year, which will absorb £39,671.4s., leaving £1,616.2d. ad. to be carried forward.

The claims to be met on underwriting account have not been important and this account has now a large balance at credit to provide for contingencies. The first of these will be the total loss of the river steamer *Tat Wo*, which took place on the 14th January, on the Centaur Shoal in the estuary of the Yangtze. A larger and more suitable vessel is now being built in the Clyde to replace the *Tat Wo*, and in the meantime the steamer *Taku* has been altered and fitted for the river trade, in which she is now employed. One of our smaller steamers on the river, the *Kung Wo*, has recently been sold to the Chinese authorities.

The lamentable destruction of the steamer *Kow Shing* on the 25th July, 1894, with an appalling loss of life, attracted universal attention, and had to much public discussion, legal and otherwise. At present the Board are precluded from saying more than that under the direction of Her Majesty's Government, they are preferring a claim on the Chinese Government (the charterers), as compensation for the loss of the vessel, for the lives lost among the crew, and for the suffering and peril undergone by the few survivors.

To supply the vacancy caused by the disappearance of the *Kow Shing*, the Board have contracted for a steamer to be built at Aberdeen, specially adapted for the Tientsin trade, in which it is expected she will be ready to take her place at the opening of next year's season.

The increasing requirements of the China coast trade, and other remunerative employment now offering, render it necessary to provide additional tonnage, in order that the position of the Company in the trade may be maintained.

The Board propose to meet this demand as may appear requisite, by building or purchasing vessels suited to their purpose, or in some cases by substituting larger vessels for the older and smaller ones.

The Woosung Bar continues to be a most troublesome obstacle to shipping, and it is very urgent that its regulation should be taken in hand by the Chinese authorities. The Peiho and Yangtze have been much in their usual condition, but on the latter the authorities removed the buoys through apprehensions of an attack. On the river Min, at Foochow, steamers were not allowed to proceed higher than Sharp Peak.

The retiring directors on this occasion is Mr. William L. Watson, who, being eligible, offers

himself for re-election. Notice has been given by two shareholders that Mr. William Patterson will be proposed as a Director at the general meeting.

The auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Young & Co., likewise offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board,

J. MACANDREW,
Chairman.

London, 4th June, 1895.

LIST OF THE COMPANY'S FLEET OF STEAMERS
ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

Tons gross. Tons gross.

Taku 1,087 *Canion* 1,717

El Dorado 1,180 *Kun Sang* 2,311

Pekin 1,160 *Yih Sang* 2,378

Tat Wo 1,324 *Choy Sang* 1,880

Fuk Wo 932 *Yuen Sang* 1,723

Kung Wo 982 *Lin Shing* 1,619

Yen Wo 2,521 *Chelydra* 1,847

Fook Sang 1,557 *R. Sang* 1,783

Kwong Sang 1,512 *Wo Sang* 1,783

Wing Sang 2,139 *Lok Sang* 1,559

Tat Sang 2,326 *Tak Sang* 1,562

Total 5,821

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

Liabilities.

To share capital—Authorized £1,200,000 first issue 60,000 each £10, whereof 49,589

subscribed and fully paid up £1,408,800.0.0

balance of underwriting account 78,280.13 9.

sundry creditors in London and China 1,243. 4. 7.

balance of revenue account 42,287. 6. 4.

£617,701. 4. 8.

Assets.

By steamship, hawks, ferry boats, &c. £1,824.17 00

Less depreciation written off for this year 35 83. 0. 0.

£495,993.17 0.

This includes the value of steamer *Kow Shing* now being claimed from the Chinese Government.

By coal and provisions on board ship and in godowns 6,085.14 5.

office furniture 130. 0. 0.

sundry debtors in London and China, Agents' balances, freights, &c. 95,011.16 7.

cash in London and China 20,479.16 2.

£617,701. 4. 8.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To general charges, telegrams, directors' and auditors' fees, &c. 4,791.11 4.

exchange account 7,885.10 7.

depreciation account—On steamships, &c. 33.81. 0.

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—\$18 per cent.

BANKS.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on \$8,000 paid up.—\$27, sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders, shares, nominal.

The Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.—(Preference) nominal.

The Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.—(Ordinary) nominal.

The Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.—(Deferred) nominal.

CHINESE LOANS.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 £—11 per cent. premium, sellers.

MARINE INSURANCES.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$164 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—\$1.15 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$162 per share, buyers.

Vangtze Insurance Association—\$93 buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—\$1.15 per share.

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$18 per share, buyers.

FIRE INSURANCES.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$210 per share, sales and buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$34 per share, sellers.

SHIPPING.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$14 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$55, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$32, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$6, sellers.

China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Preference)—\$3.

China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—\$7.

China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—\$1.10.

REFINERIES.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$103 per share, buyers.

Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$45, sellers.

MINTING.

Punjum Mining Co.—(Ordinary)—\$4.90 per share, sales and buyers.

Punjum Mining Co.—(Preference)—\$1.50 per share, sellers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, buyers.

The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$5.07 per share, buyers.

Société Française des Charbonnages de Tonkin—\$105 per share, sellers.

The Jetel Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$1.10, buyers.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—106 per cent. premium, sellers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$1 per share, buyers.

Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.—\$37 per share, buyers.

HOTELS.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$8 per share, sellers.

The Shantung Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.

LANDS AND BUILDING.

The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.

Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—\$9 per share, sellers.

DISPENSARIES.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$92, sellers.

Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$125 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Co.—\$25 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$3 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$30 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$10, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4.85, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$70, buyers.

Campbell, McRae & Co., Ltd.—\$3 per share, buyers.

Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited—\$1 shares; \$15 paid; \$10, buyers.

G. H. Potts (Share Broker), Telegraphic Address—"Rialto".

EXCHANGE.

On London, Telegraphic Transfer.....\$2/1

Bank Bills, on demand.....\$2/1

4 months' sight.....\$2/1

Credits, 4 months' sight.....\$2/1

D'ments, 4 months' sight.....\$2/1

On Paris, Bank Bills, on demand.....\$2/1

Credits, 4 months' sight.....\$2/1

On New York, Bank Bills, on demand.....\$2/1

Credits, 10 days' sight.....\$2/1

On India, Telegraphic Transfer.....\$1/6

On demand.....\$1/6

On Shanghai, Telegraphic Transfer.....\$1/6

Private, 30 days' sight.....\$2/1

On Yokohama, T.T.....\$1/6

On Singapore, T.T.....\$1/6

Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate.....\$1/6

Gold Leaf 100 troy per pound.....\$1/6

Bar Silver.....\$1/6

Bars (nominal).....\$1/6

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 11th July.

New Patai cash.....\$725 to 726 per perchest:

New Benares, cash.....\$725 to 726 per perchest:

New Malwa, credit.....\$60 " (Allowance, taels 3/2)

Old Malwa credit.....\$720 to 730 per picul.

(Allowance, taels 8 to 12)

Persian, papered.....\$780 to 820 "

(Allowance, taels 8 to 12)

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kaisar-i-Hind*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 7th instant at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on the 12th.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Perse*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 24th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 10th instant.

The O. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Cobille*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on the 9th.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAIL.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* left Tacoma on the 2nd ultimo for Japan and Hongkong, and may be expected here about the 16th instant.

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THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver on the 25th ultimo, left Kobe for Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Hongkong on the 6th instant, and may be expected here about the 16th.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chalyptra*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 6th instant, and may be expected here on the 13th.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Taishan*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on the 8th instant, and is due here on about the 17th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Name.	From.	Due.
Aden.	Londo, &c.	July 28th
Glenavon.	Singapore.	July 15th
Malta.	London, &c.	August 12th
Ormsby.	Bombay, &c.	July 17th
Olong.	Liverpool, &c.	August 9th

We would direct the attention of shippers first to the new list, in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of shipping firms to give their orders to their clerks to furnish this office, for the forms already supplied gratis, with the latest available information every day.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Ship.	Destination.	Date.
Adour.	Marcellies, &c.	July 15th
Alcide.	San Francisco.	July 25th
Arlie.	Victoria (B.C.), &c.	July 16th
Arlie.	Kobe.	July 16th
Arraton Appear.	Straits, &c.	July 22nd
Bayer.	Bremen, &c.	July 20th
Bell.	San Francisco, &c.	Quick dep.
Belmont.	New York.	Quick dep.
Centennial.	Baltimore.	Quick dep.
Ceylon.	London.	Quick dep.
Choy sang.	Shanghai.	July 12th
E. of Japan.	Vancouver, &c.	July 24th
Faive.	Havre, &c.	Quick dep.
Foobug Suu.	New York.	Quick dep.
G. F. Mansen.	London, &c.	July 26th
Glamorganshire.	London.	July 19th
Glenesk.	London.	July 27th
Kaisar-i-Hind.	Shanghai.	July 13th
Khedive.	London, &c.	July 18th
Lyndhurst.	San Francisco.	Quick dep.
Malta.	New York.	July 10th
Meltonshire.	London.	July 12th
Palmarus.	London.	July 20th
Pera.	San Francisco, &c.	July 20th
Saghalien.	Marcellies, &c.	Quick dep.
Siam.	New York.	July 24th
Verona.	Japan.	July 19th
Vindobona.	Shanghai & Kobe.	July 12th
Victoria.	Victoria (B.C.), &c.	July 16th

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

VINDOBONA, Austrian steamer, 2,689, C. Bellan, 10th July.—Trieste, 21st May, and Singapore 5th July, General—Sander & Co.

BELOGLI, British steamer, 4,212, Wm. H. Walker, 10th July.—San Francisco 15th June, Yokohama 4th July, and Nagasaki 7th, Malls and General—O. & O. S. Co.

BRITANNIA, British steamer, 1,177, C. R. Null, 11th July.—Canton 11th July, General—Yul Teck Sang.

LYDNEY, Norwegian steamer, 2,014, B. Hammaras, 10th July.—Kuching 4th July, Coal—Mitsui Human Kaihatsu.

LIMA, German bark, 461, F. Albrecht, 10th July.—Bangkok 28th June, General—Stemmer & Co.

LIFOOG, German steamer, 1,338, P. Klopfner, 11th July.—Shanghai 7th July, General—Carlowitz & Co.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, Hodgins, 10th July.—Tamsui 7th July, Amoy 9th, and Swatow 10th, General—D. Laprak